READINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE HIKE

Cushetunk Mountain Climb

From Pickell Park

A Guided Walk with Members of the Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board

Sunday, May 15, 2022

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Pickell Park, far end of lot, at the Information Kiosk

275 Mountain Rd. (off Rt. 523, behind Municipal Bldg)

Whitehouse Station NJ 08889

Hike to the Top of the Mountain!

'Mountain of Hogs' to the Lenape because of the wild pigs that foraged there, a refuge of wolves harassing settlers in colonial times, and the site of a long gone aeronautical beacon guiding the first cross-country Air Mail planes during the infant days of powered flight, Cushetunk Mountain today overlooks Round Valley Reservoir and is the nesting site for bald eagles. Our hike will take us to the summit of the mountain and along a portion of the ridge. After about a mile of gradual elevation changes, the trail requires a strenuous 350 foot climb up the steep mountain. The rewards, however, are terrific views from the top, impressive woods with spring woodland flowering plants along the trail, and possible eagle sightings. The hike time will be approximately two hours. Find maps at readingtontwpnj.gov/cushetunk-mountain-trails.

To attend, or for questions email

Readington Twp Open Space and Trails <u>trails@readingtontwp-nj.org</u>, or leave message with John Klotz at (908) 782-6452.

Indicate your name, number of persons accompanying you, and your phone number.

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